



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1119***

LCO No. 4211



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*  
3 *applicable to elections held on or after said date*):

4 If, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, or any fiscal year  
5 thereafter, the amount of funds available under section 3-69a for  
6 deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 is  
7 less than the amount of funds required under said section 3-69a to be  
8 deposited in said fund, or if during an election cycle the amount of  
9 funds in said Citizens' Election Fund is less than the amount of funds  
10 required to provide grants to all qualified candidate committees  
11 pursuant to section 9-705, a portion of the revenues from the tax  
12 imposed under chapter 208, equal to the difference between said  
13 amounts, shall be deposited in said fund.

14 Sec. 2. Section 9-716 of the general statutes is repealed and the

15 following in substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*  
16 *applicable to elections held on or after said date*): (a) Not later than June 1,  
17 2007, and annually thereafter, the State Elections Enforcement  
18 Commission shall issue a report on the status of the Citizens' Election  
19 Fund during the previous calendar year. Such report shall include the  
20 amount of moneys deposited in the fund, the sources of moneys  
21 received by category, the number of contributions, the number of  
22 contributors, the amount of moneys expended by category, the  
23 recipients of moneys distributed from the fund and an accounting of  
24 the costs incurred by the commission in administering the provisions  
25 of this chapter.

26 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state election  
27 is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of  
28 moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this  
29 chapter. [If the commission determines that such amount is not  
30 sufficient to carry out such purposes, the commission shall, not later  
31 than three days after such later determination, (1) determine the  
32 percentage of the fund's obligations that can be met for such election,  
33 (2) recalculate the amount of each payment that each qualified  
34 candidate committee is entitled to receive under section 9-706 by  
35 multiplying such percentage by the amount that such committee  
36 would have been entitled to receive under this chapter, if there were a  
37 sufficient amount of moneys in the fund, and (3) notify each such  
38 committee of such insufficiency, percentage and applicable  
39 recalculation. After a qualified candidate committee under section 9-  
40 706 first receives any such recalculated payment, the committee may  
41 resume accepting contributions, which shall not be subject to the  
42 restrictions on qualifying contributions under section 9-704, and  
43 making expenditures from such contributions, up to the highest  
44 amount of expenditures made by an opposing nonparticipating  
45 candidate in the same primary campaign or general election  
46 campaign.] The commission shall also issue a report on said  
47 determination.

48 (c) The commission shall establish a reserve account in the fund. The  
49 first twenty-five thousand dollars deposited in the fund during any  
50 year shall be placed in said account. The commission shall use moneys  
51 in the reserve account only during the seven days preceding a primary  
52 or an election for payments [to candidates whose payments were  
53 reduced under subsection (b) of this section] if the fund is insufficient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-750
Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-716

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure the sufficiency of the Citizens' Election Fund and to make technical changes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*